

# Mid-Week Zion Worship



Pastor Eric Hanson  
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Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Song: "Gather Us In" #532

Verse 1: Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Verse 2: We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Verse 3: Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters; call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Verse 4: Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away--  
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us.  
When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our  
neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living  
over new, live-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, and make us  
New.

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By  
grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. **Amen.**

The Reading: Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27, 31

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created humankind[c] in his image, in the image of God he created them;[d] male and female he created them. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord, C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Homily - *Can evolution and creation both be true?* Pastor Eric Hanson

**Song of the Day: "You Are Mine"**

**Verse 1: I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.**

**You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.**

**Verse 2: I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.**

**In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.**

**Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.**

**Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.**

**Verse 3: I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.**

**All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. [Refrain]**

**Verse 4: I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.**

**I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! [Refrain]**

**Creed Hymn: "I Believe, I Do Believe"**

**Refrain: I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it. (repeat)**

**Vs 1: I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator. (repeat)**

**Vs 2: I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people. (repeat)**

**Vs 3: And I do believe in the Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit. (repeat)**

**Refrain: I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it. (repeat)**

**The Prayers: (call and response)**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. *A brief silence.* God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need especially; Gabriel Ryan, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sue Majerus, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson, Sara Nolte, Doug & Charlotte Hindal, and the family of Ruth Holm. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always      **C: And also with you.**

**Offering:** *Offering plates are provided at the usher's table. To sign up for online giving, please visit our website at [www.stlukegoodhue.org](http://www.stlukegoodhue.org) and click the Online Giving button. St. Luke thanks you for your gifts.*

**Offertory Prayer:** **P:** God of abundance,

**C: You bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger, that all may know your care. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

**The Meal:** L. We remember....

**Communion Prayer:** P: O God,

C: We give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing:** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
Amen.

**Sending Song:** *"Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory"*

Vs 1: Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

Vs 2: He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. (Refrain)

Vs 3: In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me; as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free, while God is marching on. (Refrain)

**Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

*Thank you to Larry Miller for leading our music this evening!*

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